

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (Canceled).

14. (New) A safety device for lifting a bonnet of a motor vehicle in the event of a collision, the bonnet comprising a structure allowing the bonnet, in normal operation, to be opened or closed about a rotation axis, the safety device being situated under the bonnet and comprising:

a lifting mechanism that lifts the bonnet, the lifting mechanism including a link rod; and

an actuator actuated using a gas generator to deploy the lifting mechanism; and
a locking device that locks the lifting mechanism,

the actuator causing a translational movement of the lifting mechanism in order to unlock the lifting mechanism, followed by a rotation of the link rod of the lifting mechanism to deploy the lifting mechanism, and

the locking device including two complementary shapes being cooperating with one another to lock the lifting mechanism, one of the complementary shapes being secured to the lifting mechanism and another of the complementary shapes being secured to a part that is fixed with respect to the vehicle.

15. (New) The safety device according to claim 14, the safety device being fitted onto the structure used for the normal operation of the bonnet.

16. (New) The safety device according to claim 14, the lifting mechanism being articulated about the rotation axis of the bonnet.

17. (New) The safety device according to claim 14, the link rod being pivot-mounted at a first end thereof about a pivot axis which is fixed with respect to the vehicle,

and being articulated at a second end thereof, which is fixed with respect to the bonnet, about the rotation axis of the bonnet.

18. (New) The safety device according to claim 17, the link rod being slideably mounted at the first end and the second end with respect to, on the one hand, the rotation axis and, on the other hand, the pivot axis.

19. (New) The safety device according to claim 17, the actuator comprising a piston secured to a rod, the piston movable in a cylinder under an action of gases generated by the gas generator.

20. (New) The safety device according to claim 19, the rod being extracted from the actuator in a horizontal direction, and the lifting mechanism converting a horizontal movement of the rod into a vertical movement for lifting the bonnet.

21. (New) The safety device according to claim 20, further comprising means for slowing a return movement of the rod in the cylinder of the actuator.

22. (New) The safety device according to claim 20, the rod of the actuator being secured to the link rod at a point that is offset with respect to the pivot axis of the link rod, offset with respect to a longitudinal axis of the link rod and situated in a horizontal plane below a plane containing the pivot axis of the link rod.

23. (New) The safety device according to claim 22, the rod comprising an end slideable in an oblong opening formed on the link rod to cause the link rod to rotate about the pivot axis.

24. (New) The safety device according to claim 14, the link rod comprising a deformable material.

25. (New) The safety device according to claim 14, the actuator being fixed to a deformable support that is fixed with respect to the vehicle.